

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

Pressure-Conditioning ~~Method~~ and Device

Please add the following new paragraph to line 8 of page 1 (directly above “Background of the Invention”):

CROSS REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION

This application claims Paris Convention priority to and benefit of, currently pending, German Patent Application No. 103 04 629.1, filed on February 5, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference.